

Rep. Slaughter was a strong supporter of doubling the NIH budget over five years, a goal that was accomplished in 2003. As the nation's premier medical research institution, the NIH is responsible both for performing research and funding other investigators. Today, scientists are on the verge of breakthroughs in genetics, cell biology, and other areas that will allow for innovative new methods of detection and treatment, as well as hopefully cures and prevention. Doubling the NIH budget will ensure that no critical opportunity is wasted for lack of funding. Rep. Slaughter has cosponsored annual resolutions and signed yearly letters to the Appropriations Subcommittee for Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education in support of increasing the NIH budget.